Proposals for serials are cleared keeping in view Doordarshan's programme requirements and number of such programmes to be telecast over a period of time.

(d) New guidelines are being prescribed with a view to expedite disposal of proposals.

Live Telecasting of World Cup Football Tournament

*27. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons for the delay in taking a decision by Doordarshan to live telecast the World Cup football tournament held at Mexico recently; and

(b) what was the monetary loss suffered by Doordarshan on account of this late decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Doordarshan had at first decided to take live two semi-finals, final and the match to decide third place and fourth place together with 12 deferred coverages from second round onwards. But, in view of the tremendous public interest and demand, it was decided to take live all the matches played from 6th June onwards. The decision was an instant one and there was no question of any delay.

(b) There was no monetary loss on account of the decision to take live all matches.

Delay in Clearance of Irrigation Projects

*28. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Centre flayed for delay in water projects" which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 16th June, 1986;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during the Southern Regional Conference of Irrigation Ministers the Centre was blamed for delay in the clearance of irrigation projects; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the Southern Regional Conference, some States referred to the delays in clearance of certain projects by the Centre, and it was pointed out to them that it was mainly on account of the delays on their part in providing the necessary information for clearance of the projects.

Abolition of higher-purchase scheme for Allotment of Flats by D.D.A.

*29. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has abolished the scheme of allotment of flats on a higher-purchase basis;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the extent to which the decision is likely to affect the persons registered under the various housing schemes and its overall impact on the Delhi Development Authority's housing programme?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) A decision has been taken by the Delhi Development Authority